

REMARKS

The present proposed correction to Fig. 1b includes a 'call-out' line from reference numeral 101, which was inadvertently crossed out in the proposed drawing change submitted with the Preliminary Amendment on July 23, 2002.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0238 for any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend drawing figure 1(b) as per attached.

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The present preliminary amendment is being submitted in order to correct certain typographical errors in the Specification and Claims of the Application as filed. Support for the Amendment to Claims 6 and 18 may be found, for example, in the Application as filed at line 10 of paragraph [0340].

The proposed drawing change is being submitted to clarify a gear actuation mechanism in Fig. 1(b). The gear 106 is coupled to the rotation shaft 107 to effect rotation of fiber gratings 101. Upon approval of the proposed drawing changes to figure 1(b) submitted in red-ink herewith, formal drawings reflecting these changes will be submitted.

The proposed drawing changes are believed to add no new matter, as the rotation mechanism is well explained in the specification as filed surrounding the description of figure 1(b), as well as in figure 2 and the surrounding description thereof.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (610) 375-3513.

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Marked Up Version of Claim 6

A method as recited in claim 5, wherein said adhesion layer is chosen from the group consisting essentially of: Cr, [Cr₂, O₃,] Cr₂O₃, Al₂O₃, Ti, and Si₃N₄.

Marked Up Version of Claim 18

An optical element as recited in claim 17, wherein said adhesion layer is chosen from the group consisting essentially of: [Cr₂, O₃,] Cr₂O₃, Al₂O₃, Ti, and Si₃N₄.